

## Is Big Sky Bonanza Right For Me?



The Big Sky Bonanza Waiver is not for everyone. Here are some questions to ask yourself to see if it might be right for you:

- Do I want to be responsible for managing a monthly budget?
- Do I want to be in charge of planning my waiver services and supports?
- Do I want to be responsible for hiring, training, scheduling, and managing my workers?
- Do I want to be in charge of determining how much I pay my workers?
- Do I want to be in charge of developing a plan for back up services?

**Remember: There are supports available to you to help you succeed in Big Sky Bonanza! You need to decide if you want to be in charge and be responsible for your Big Sky Bonanza services.**

## QUESTIONS?

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## Big Sky Bonanza



Montana's New Consumer  
Direct Medicaid Waiver

Your Choice-  
Your Plan-  
Your Budget-

You're in Charge with  
Big Sky Bonanza



## What Is the Big Sky Bonanza Waiver?

The Big Sky Bonanza Waiver is a new option in Home and Community Based Waiver services for Medicaid consumers who are elderly or have disabilities. The Big Sky Bonanza Waiver is guided by the principles of consumer-direction. Consumers who select Big Sky Bonanza will direct the planning, staffing, and budgeting of their waiver goods, supports, and services.

## How Is Big Sky Bonanza Different from the Current Waiver?

- \* The consumer, with support and assistance from an Independence Advisor, is responsible for developing and implementing a plan to access services and supports.
- \* The consumer, with support from a Financial Manager, is responsible for managing a budget and directing waiver support and services using that budget.
- \* The consumer receives education and tools in the Big Sky Bonanza training session to make informed choices and learn skills in consumer direction.

## What Can You Do with Big Sky Bonanza?

- \* Negotiate pay rates for your workers within certain limits
- \* Pay a parent, spouse, or other family member when specific criteria are met
- \* Access goods and services that meet your unique needs
- \* Manage and control your waiver consumer-directed budget
- \* Access goods from local shops and stores
- \* Save your consumer-directed budget for one-time purchases



## Support for Big Sky Bonanza Consumers

- \* **Orientation and Training**  
All consumers who are interested in Big Sky Bonanza will receive an initial orientation to the program. When a consumer selects Big Sky Bonanza, a training will provide them with education, skill building, and additional program information.
- \* **Financial Manager**  
A Financial Manager will assist consumers in managing a budget and paying workers.
- \* **Independence Advisor**  
An Independence Advisor will offer support and guidance in the development and implementation of waiver services. The Independence Advisor will also provide ongoing and individualized support, education, and training.